

**Discussion Questions:**

**Matthew 5**

1. In your own words, using the suggested scriptures, describe each of the Beatitudes.

<b>Meaning</b>	<b>Scripture Help</b>
The Poor In Spirit Romans	Revelation 3:1; Rev 3:17–18
Those Who Mourn	Romans 7:24
Those Who Are Meek	Psalms 25; Mat 1:28–29
Those Who Hunger And Thirst For Righteousness	Luke 1:53
Those Who Are Merciful	Matthew 18:21–22
Those Who Are Pure In Heart	Psalms 24:4–5; Matt 6:21–24
Those Who Are Peacemakers	Isaiah 9:6; 52:7–10 Romans 5:1; 2 Cor 5:19–20
Those Who Are Persecuted	John 15:18–20; Rom 8:17; 1 Cor 4:13–14

2. What is your heart set on as vital for your life and your character? Make a list of the eight things you most want to see developed in your life. How does it compare to Jesus' list?

3. In Old Testament times salt was not seen as a seasoning, but as a preservative. How does this shed light on what it means for Christians to be salt of the earth? Summarize Matthew 5:13-16 in one sentence. What does being salt and light mean to you personally?

4. The Old Testament prophets (especially Isaiah) often used light as a metaphor. In the following references, who is described as a light?
  - a. Isaiah 9:2
  - b. Isaiah 42:6-7
  - c. Matthew 5:14
  
5. In Matthew 5:17 -20, what does Jesus say about the Law of God? Based on your understanding of Jesus' life and ministry, how does Jesus fulfill and accomplish:
  - a. The Ceremonial Law of Sacrifices (Heb 10:12; Jn 8:46)
  - b. The Moral Law (Jn 8:46; Heb 4:15)
  - c. The Prophecies Foretold in the Old Testament ( Is 9:1-2, 53:7; Gen 3:15)
  - d. Why are His accomplishments important to you personally?
  
6. Jesus is not exhorting his disciples to try to be Salt and Light, but makes a statement of fact, "You are Salt and light." How does Jesus say living under His kingly rule impact your dealing with:
  - a. Anger
  - b. Lust
  - c. Divorce
  - d. Giving of Oaths
  - e. Retaliation and Dealing with our enemies
  
7. Sinclair Ferguson notes that Jesus' message was "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is near" (4:17) Why does Jesus teach these truths again if they are already found in the scriptures? What is the difference between the way Jesus said the Jews applied God's commandment and the way in which Jesus said it should be applied?